

Shawnee Steam Plant in western McCracken County, Kentucky, and the EEI plant in Joppa, Illinois. Additionally, a uranium hexafluoride plant was constructed in Metropolis, IL. Together, these four facilities comprise the economic and industrial heart of the region.

In recent years, we have learned that there were often risks associated with work at Paducah, particularly during the earlier years of its operation. Some workers were exposed to cancer-causing chemicals and radiological hazards. Many of these workers have now benefited from the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, which I am proud to have helped bring into existence. Working alongside the union representing the workers, I have also fought to make sure that medical screening is available to all workers so that they may be tested and treated for any problems they incur as a result of working at the plant. We have also embarked upon the task of cleaning up some of the legacy waste materials left on the site. The Department of Energy's recently announced DUF6 conversion plant will be a huge step in this direction, as it will clean up thousands of cylinders of depleted uranium hexafluoride which have been stored on the site for decades. The conversion plant additionally will add new jobs to the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant complex.

While significant challenges lie ahead for America's domestic uranium enrichment industry, it is appropriate to pause on this occasion to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, and the dedicated service of all the employees over the last half century. The workers at Paducah today continue the fine tradition of service, commitment, and productivity. I am sure they are up to any future challenge to be met in keeping a viable domestic uranium enrichment capability.●

TRIBUTE TO SCARLOTTE DEUPREE

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Scarlotte Deupree, Miss Alabama 2002. Ms. Deupree was recently named First Runner Up in the 2003 Miss America Pageant.

The accomplishments of Ms. Deupree are many. She coordinated Alabama's first Women in Literacy Summit in July, 2001 and was awarded a National Daily Point of Light for her work to promote literacy. She is a Distinguished Partner of the Literacy Council of Central Alabama and has been a certified literacy tutor with the Laubach Literacy Council International.

Ms. Deupree is also a former co-chair of the Sylacauga Adult Literacy Council and an instructor with the Adult Literacy Education Resource, ALERT. She is a graduate of the Sylacauga High School Honors Program and is an English major at Samford University in Birmingham, AL.

Ms. Deupree is the daughter of James and Joy Deupree of Birmingham. Scarlotte Deupree is a remarkable young woman, and we are proud to have her serve as our Miss Alabama.●

IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE M.D. CROCKER, U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I honor and bring to the Senate's attention the exceptional judicial career and service of Myron D. Crocker, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of California.

A graduate of California State University at Fresno and the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law, he was appointed to the Federal bench by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959. Judge Crocker continued to carry an active caseload after taking senior status in 1981. He is retiring after 43 years of dedicated service as a federal judge.

Judge Crocker served under 10 presidents, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush. Our current, President George W. Bush, was just 13 years old when Judge Crocker was named to the bench.

He is believed to have served longer than any other sitting Federal judge in the Nation. He has presided over many high profile cases in the Fresno area and during his travels throughout the United States as a visiting judge.

Judge Crocker is well respected throughout the legal community. He has served California and the United States with great distinction. I am pleased to pay tribute to him today and I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Judge Crocker and his family the very best as he celebrates his retirement from the Eastern District.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 5, 2001, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2558. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of data on benign brain-related tumors through the national program of cancer registries.

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 669. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 Social Street in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, as the "Alphonse F. Auclair Post Office Building".

H.R. 670. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Street in Newport, Rhode Is-

land, as the "Bruce F. Cotta Post Office Building".

H.R. 5205. An act to amend the District of Columbia Retirement Protection Act of 1997 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to use estimated amounts in determining the service longevity component of the Federal benefit payment required to be paid under such Act to certain retirees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 5316. An act to establish a user fee system that provides for an equitable return to the Federal Government for the occupancy and use of National Forest System lands and facilities by organizational camps that serve the youth and disabled adults of America, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5349. An act to facilitate the use of a portion of the former O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, by the local Boys and Girls Club through the release of the reversionary interest and other interests retained by the United States in 1955 when the land was conveyed to the State of Missouri.

H.R. 5361. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building".

H.R. 5400. An act to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5439. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building".

H.R. 5574. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 South Main Street in Glenville, Georgia, as the "Michael Lee Woodcock Post Office".

H.R. 5598. An act to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5601. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 406. Concurrent resolution honoring and commending the Lao Veterans of America, Laotian and Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War, and their families, for their historic contributions to the United States.

H. Con. Res. 467. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lionel Hampton should be honored for his contributions to American music.

H. Con. Res. 486. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

H. Con. Res. 487. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing as a House document of a volume consisting of the transcripts of the ceremonial meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate in New York City on September 6, 2002, and a collection of statements by Members of the House of Representatives and Senate from the Congressional Record on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

H. Con. Res. 504. Concurrent resolution congratulating the PONY League baseball